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SUBJECT: CUBAN GOVERNMENT CHARGE OF A UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (JFK)

ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT CUBAN/VE涅ZUELAN RELATIONS

ACQ : VENEZUELA, CARACAS (1 APRIL 1977) FIELD NO. [HVC-7826] (S)

SOURCE : A VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMAN FROM A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WITH
GOOD ACCESS TO HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS. HE IS A
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(JFK) 1. ON THE EVENING OF 31 MARCH 1977 THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT

RECEIVED AN INFORMAL COMPLAINT FROM THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN CARACAS

THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (USG) WAS ATTEMPTING TO DAMAGE APR 12 1977

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CUBAN AND VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENTS. IN ITS

STATEMENT TO VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS THE CUBAN EMBASSY CHARGED THAT

THE USG HAD DELIBERATELY DIRECTED A FOREIGN NEWSMAN TO CONTACT

THE CUBAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN AN EFFORT TO EXTRACT INFORMATION AND

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OR STATEMENTS FROM THEM WHICH COULD BE USED IN AN ARTICLE
CONCERNING THE 6 OCTOBER 1976 BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER AND
CUBAN EXILE ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL. THE TONE OF THE QUESTIONS
ASKED AND MATERIAL COVERED BY THE NEWSMAN DURING HIS 30 MARCH
~~Venezuelan~~
INTERVIEW WITH ~~CUBAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS ROBERTO MARQUEZ AND~~
~~PEDRO GOMEZ~~, INDICATED TO THE CUBANS THAT THE JOURNALIST INTENDS
TO WRITE AN ARTICLE TYING THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT TO THE CUBAN
EXILE MOVEMENT AND THE CUBANA BOMBING.

2. THE CUBAN EMBASSY ADMITTED THAT MARQUEZ AND GOMEZ HAD BEEN
IN ERROR IN MEETING WITH THE NEWSMAN, BUT INSISTED THAT THEY HAD
MADE NO COMMENTS WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS BEING DETRIMENTAL TO
THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OR CRITICAL OF VENEZUELAN HANDLING OF THE
CUBANA CASE. HOWEVER, THE CUBANS WARNED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
THE NEWSMAN MIGHT CLAIM THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED HIS INFORMATION WITH
THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN CARACAS. THE EMBASSY, THEREFORE, WANTED IT
CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT CUBAN OFFICIALS HAD NOT PROVIDED THE NEWSMAN
WITH ANY COMMENTS OR MATERIAL WHICH MIGHT APPEAR IN THE NEWSMAN'S
FUTURE ARTICLES.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CUBANS CHARGED THAT THE FOREIGN
NEWSMAN HAD THE BENEFIT OF A WIDE-RANGE OF INFORMATION ON CUBAN

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